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TITLE: **ANTIMICROBIAL FATTY ACID
CONTAINING SUTURE
COATING**

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2006, setting forth a four-way restriction requirement between:

Group I (Claims 1-8) drawn to a coating for a surgical article;

Group II (Claims 9-16) drawn to a surgical suture with bioabsorbable material

Group III (Claims 17-21) drawn to a method of suturing a wound; and

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

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Dated: October 17, 2006


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